



ACADIA

NATIONAL PARK

State: **Maine**

Year Established: **1919**

Land Area: **49,075 acres**

Highest Elevation: **Cadillac Mountain - 1,530 feet (466 m)**

Animal Species in Park: **303+**

Notable Animal: **Peregrine falcon**



Plant Species in Park: **866+**

Notable Plant: **Bunchberry**



RECREATION
VISITORS (2017)

3,509,271

HISTORICAL FACTS

- Archaeological evidence suggests Native American Wabanaki people lived in Acadia 5,000 years ago.
- Samuel Champlain visited the island in 1604.
- Bar Harbor Head lighthouse was built in 1858.
- The island became a vacation spot for the wealthy in the 1880s.
- In 1947 a wildfire burned 10,000 acres of the park.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- Acadia is located on Mount Desert Island.
- It has 45 miles (72 km) of carriage roads and 16 stone bridges.
- The name Acadia comes from the explorer Giovanni Verrazano, who passed by the area in 1524. The shoreline reminded him of a part of Greece named Arcadia.

Ridges of granite were sculpted by glaciers measuring up to 9,000 feet (2,743 m) thick.

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